

Sinclair Broadcasting's airing of an anti-Kerry message just prior to the election is an abuse of media power. It is an example of the dangers of one company having control over so much of what is presented to the public in one of our main forms of receiving information, the television.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.